



At Home for Christmas?

Children's Activity // Jesus

Introduction

The most important person in the story of the first Christmas is Jesus.

The Messiah had been promised many years before in Genesis when Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden. God's people had been waiting for their rescuer for generations. They were expecting a warrior, a king who would overthrow the rulers who had persecuted them for hundreds of years. However, they didn't get a warrior but they did get a king. He came in the form of a baby, born to a poor, unmarried girl and his crib was a manger.

Jesus' home is in heaven. Yet he left his home to live with us for a time.

We are so glad he did. Because he came to us, we now know what God is truly like. No more guesswork!

The Word became a man and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father. John 1:14

Bible story

Read from the Bible: John 1:9-14 (it would be good to use a translation like The International Children's Bible as it has language that is easier for children to understand.)

Reading or video option: Jesus Storybook Bible "Get ready".

Additional option is to use a video or reading of Song of the Stars by Sally Lloyd Jones <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFbm0wS3rlg>

Song suggestion

Oh What a Glorious Night by the Sidewalk Prophets https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aGLV5CfoTU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2QqRjguE3jpk7PW15nP2hCPM1Xy6j4ltn50nKI7GJCQWhMRbp_3Hvg21s

Activities

Map - Take the map and look at the planets on it in our solar system.

- Sun (which is a star)
- Mercury
- Venus

- Earth (our home)
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Uranus
- Neptune
- Pluto

Can you find earth Earth among all the planets? Put a dot on Earth (our home) to show Nazareth and the place of Jesus birth.

Now your map should be complete with all the journeys of those who were not at home.

Advent wreath

The last item to add to the wreath is a crown. Below is a picture that can be cut out, coloured and stuck on the wreath template that will complete each child/family's Christmas wreath.

